Minutes from the 5ᵗʰ Meeting
of the Monitoring Committee
of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027

17-18 June 2025 | Hotel Marina Club| Siła | Poland

Chairperson: Mr. Michał Korczak

Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of Poland

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DAY 1, 17th June 2025

Item 1. Words of welcome & Opening of the meeting

The meeting was officially opened by the Chairperson Mr. Michał Korczak. MC members, observers and JS staff were introduced.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda (D)

The Monitoring Committee (MC) members approved the agenda as proposed, with a change of moving Admissibility and eligibility check procedure before Programme mid-term evaluation presentation.

Item 3. Signing of impartiality and confidentiality declarations by the MC (I)

The MC members were asked to declare their partiality to project proposals subject to selection and sign the impartiality declarations.

Item 4. State of play of the Programme implementation (I)

The MC members were informed of the Programme state of implementation, finances and indicators. Gaps and risks of reaching the indicators were briefly discussed.

Item 5. Rules of procedure of the MC – presentation of recent changes

The MC members were informed of the audit findings and the resulting changes implemented to the Rules of Procedure of the MC. Practicalities regarding making the decision by MC, considering the changed procedure, were explained and discussed.

Item 6. Selection of projects submitted under 2nd Small-scale projects call and 4th call for proposals (D)

Assessment procedure and assessment results were presented by JS.

The Chairman proposed the block rejection of projects not passing the threshold and then decision on selection of projects submitted in the 2nd Small-scale call for proposals and then selection of projects submitted in the 4th Call for proposals, which was accepted by all delegations.

The Chairman presented information about the exclusion of individual Members from voting in specified projects (following impartiality declarations).

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The Monitoring Committee selected for funding the following projects with further conditions, clarifications, and/or recommendations included in the consolidated project assessments sheets:

Programme Measure 1.1: IBBI
Programme Measure 2.1: BES, WAW, IMPETUS
Programme Measure 2.2: ReCircWater, BalticGrow
Programme Measure 3.1: Laptops and Lighthouses, Back2Woods, AIMused
Programme Measure 4.1: FASD-Bridge
Programme Measure 4.1 2nd Small-scale call: PrepAlliance, BALCA, BRIDGE

Additional conditions, clarifications and recommendations were introduced by the MC to the above projects.

At the same time the Monitoring Committee decided not to select the following projects:
Programme Measure 2.1: BioMeth Baltic, MobiGreEn, GRID+, PortWise
Programme Measure 2.2: plAsQUA
Programme Measure 3.1: FLOAT
Programme Measure 4.1: BeConSea, SB Resilient Heritage Hub, SeaGarden, Green Bridge
Programme Measure 4.1 2nd Small-scale call: BalticBioSource, BaltAlg,

OSI status was granted to ReCircWater project.

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Item 7. Programme implementation plan for 2025/2026 (D)

The timeline for future calls and other programme events was presented by JS. Programme implementation plan for 2025/2026 was approved with the change of the date of the next on-line MC meeting to 25 November 2025.

Item 8. Programme state of play after 2nd Small-scale projects call and 4th call for proposals (I)

The financial and substantive summary after the selection of projects in the 2nd Small-scale projects call and 4th call for proposals was presented to the MC members. ERDF co-financing of

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the projects selected for funding in the 2nd Small-scale projects call is 479 223,00 EUR and 4th call for proposals is 14 770 658, 80 EUR.

Item 9. Scope of next calls for proposals (D)

The concept of the 5th call for proposals was presented. The scope of the next regular call was approved with changes.

The 5th call for proposals is to be opened for Programme Measures: M 1.1, M 2.1, M 2.2, M 2.3 with the allocation 1 000 000,00 EUR (missing amount reallocated from M 2.1), M 3.1, M 4.1

To open 3rd Small-scale call for proposals in the Programme Measure 4.1 with the allocation 800 000,00 EUR.
In M 4.1 both in the 5th call for proposals and 3rd small-scale call additional requirement related to partnership should be applied, namely 1/3 of the partners should be newcomers.

Timeline for 5th call for proposals and 3rd Small-scale call for proposals will be 17th September – 12th November 2025.

Item10. Admissibility & eligibility check procedure (D)

Current eligibility check process was presented. Different options of updating the current process were presented and discussed.

Option 1 presented by JS was agreed to be followed by JS.

MC members discussed the possibility of not rejecting the project in case of ineligibility of one project partner. JS and MA will investigate the possibility of changing programme Eligibility assessment criteria and will come back to MC with the written information.

Delegations were asked to reconfirm with each of the MC delegation who (National Authority or/and Contact Point) should be directed with the request for consultation and opinion on eligibility status of partners from a given Member State/region.
Information should be send via e-mail by the Head of National Delegation to the Head of the JS.

Items 11 Communication Action Plan for 2025 (I), 12 Programme mid-term evaluation (I), 13. Update on Programme Technical Assistance (I) have not been presented. Presentations will be shared via e-mail.

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Item 14. Any other business (I)

German Delegation mentioned problems with using of the CST by beneficiaries. Managing Authority already replied to German delegation before the meeting and asked to contact directly the system administrator if necessary.

Item 15. Approval of the minutes from the 5th Monitoring Committee meeting (D)

The minutes were approved by the MC.

Item 16. Closure of the meeting (I)

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson.

I – Information/ D – Decision

The minutes were drafted by the JS.

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